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Circular No. 1.

Preliminary Announcements; Tentative Program

Preliminary Announcements

To librarians, library workers, and friends of library development in Alabama:

An invitation is earnestly extended you to be present at a conference to be held in the city of Montgomery, Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22, 1904, for the purpose of organizing a permanent association of Alabama librarians and such others as may be interested in library work and kindred subjects. It is felt that such a meeting can and will be fruitful of much good to the various library interests in the State, and your failure to attend will not only be a personal loss, but will be a loss to your library.

Purposes of Organization

Through the proposed organization, it is expected that interest in the value of books will be stimulated, methods compared and discussed, the extent and limitation of collections discovered, and a proper emphasis placed on the high character of the functions of libraries and the dignity of the office of librarian. The meeting will not only afford an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and the enlarging of experiences, but by means of the social features, acquaintance will be promoted and an *esprit de corps* developed.

Montgomery as a Place for the Meeting

It is altogether fitting that the meeting for organization should convene in Montgomery. It is the capital city of Alabama, rich in history and traditions, and wide awake to modern advance. A visit here at any time is an inspiration. Additional reasons why the meeting should be held here are the educational and suggestive value of the several libraries in the city. Every opportunity will be

given visitors to inspect collections, discuss methods of administration, etc., etc.

In order to make the occasion more interesting, a preliminary program has been adopted. It is herewith appended. Other numbers will probably be added prior to the meeting. A revised program will be ready for distribution at that time.

Reduced Rate

Application has been made to the Southeastern Passenger Association for a reduced rate for all who attend. This will doubtless be accorded, and it is suggested that each visitor secure and preserve a certificate receipt showing payment of full fare one way. Countersigned by the secretary of the Association, this receipt will entitle the holder to the reduced rate on presentation for the purchase of a return ticket.

Appeal

The value of organized effort has been too long demonstrated to demand other than the suggestion of its importance to the library interests of the State. Alabama is just now entering upon an era of great library development, and it is the duty of those vitally concerned to give it wise direction. It is expected, therefore, that there will be a full attendance of librarians, library workers, and library trustees, not only of public libraries, but of school and college libraries also.

Headquarters

The headquarters will be the elegant new Carnegie library building, corner of Adams and Perry streets.

Notify the chairman, *as soon as possible* after the receipt of this, whether you expect to attend. In the event you are unable to be present, please indicate whether you are willing to unite with such an organization, if one is perfected.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS M. OWEN, *Chairman*,
Director Department of Archives and History.

LAURA M. ELMORE,
Librarian Carnegie Library.

JUNIUS M. RIGGS,
Librarian State and Supreme Court Library.

WM. H. DINGLEY,
Treasurer and Librarian Grand Lodge, A. F.& A. M.

ELIZA M. BULLOCK,
Principal Girls' High School and Library, Montgomery.

L. L. DIX,
Secretary Y. M. C. A., Montgomery.

Tentative Program

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First Day. Monday, Nov. 21, 1904

Morning Session. 9:30 o'clock

In the lecture room, Carnegie Library

1. Call to order—
   Dr. Thomas M. Owen, Montgomery.
2. Invocation—
   Dr. John A. Rice, Montgomery.
3. The State's greeting—
   His excellency, Russell M. Cunningham, lieutenant and acting governor, of Alabama.
4. Address of welcome—
   Phares Coleman, Esq., president, Montgomery Library Association.
5. Response—
   Dr. J. H. Phillips, president, Birmingham Public Library.
6. Appointment of committee of three on constitution and permanent organization.
7. Enrollment of members.
8. Report of committee.
9. Libraries and the public schools—
   Hon. Isaac W. Hill, superintendent of education of the State of Alabama.
10. The importance of a rigid observance of technical regulations and details in library administration—
    Mrs. F. H. Happer, librarian, Y. M. C. A., Mobile.
11. The development of the library—
    Dr. Herbert A. Sayre, professor of physics and astronomy, and chairman faculty committee on library, University of Alabama.

Afternoon Session. 3:30 o'clock

Carnegie Library

12. The organization of a library—
    Laura M. Elmore, librarian, Carnegie Library, Montgomery.
13. The college library—
    Mr. Charles C. Thach, president, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.
14. What librarians can do for local history—
    Mr. A. C. Harte, secretary, Y. M. C. A., Mobile.

Evening Reception. 8:30 o'clock

At this hour there will be a public reception by the friends of the library movement and the citizens of Montgomery to the members of the Association and visitors.

Details will be announced later.

Second Day. Tuesday, November 22

Morning Session. 9:30 o'clock

In the Senate chamber, State capitol

15. Traveling libraries.
16. The duty of the State to libraries and library effort—
    Dr. Thomas M. Owen, director, Department of Archives and History of the State of Alabama.
17. General discussion. Question box.
18. New and miscellaneous business.
19. Adjournment.

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CIRCULAR No. 3

The Alabama Library Association

Headquarters: Montgomery

Announcements and Program for the Second Annual Meeting, to be held in the City of Mobile, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5 and 6, 1905

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Annual Meeting

The Second Annual Meeting of the Alabama Library Association will be held in the City of Mobile on the dates above indicated. It is designed to bring together all librarians, library workers and friends of the library movement in the State, for discussion, conference and social intercourse. An earnest appeal is made to all persons interested to attend.

The local public is cordially invited to be present at all sessions.

Headquarters

The Young Men's Christian Association building will be general headquarters. Unless otherwise designated, all sessions will be held in the lecture room. Visitors and others are asked to register.

For special information, hotels and boarding houses, etc., etc., address Mr. A. C. Harte, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., Mobile, Alabama.

Invitation to Membership

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THOMAS M. OWEN, *President.*

JUNIUS M. RIGGS, *Secretary.*

November 1, 1905.

PROGRAM

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First Day, Monday, December 4, 1905

Evening Session, 7:30 o'clock

1. Call to order by the president of the Association, followed by an invocation—
   Right Rev. Bishop Edward P. Allen, Mobile.
2. The greeting of Mobile—
   P. J. Lyons, Mayor.
3. The greeting of the libraries—
   Hon. Peter J. Hamilton, Mobile.
4. Response—The library as an educational force—
   Dr. Charles C. Thach, Auburn.
5. Announcement of committees—
   Nominations.
   Auditing.

Second Day, Tuesday, December 5

Morning Session, 9:30 o'clock

6. Annual address—
   Dr. Thomas M. Owen, president, Montgomery.
7. Reports—
   Executive Council.
   Secretary.
   Treasurer.
8. Fiction in public libraries—
   Mrs. Teresa Miller, librarian, Carnegie Library, Eufaula.
9. The library spirit, and how it may be advanced in Alabama.
   Dr. J. H. Phillips, president, Birmingham Public Library, and superintendent City Schools.
10. Practical suggestions on school libraries—
    Miss Nimmo Greene, principal, Capitol Hill School, Montgomery.
11. The rural library movement—
    Dr. Clarence J. Owens, president, Anniston College for Young Ladies.
12. The trials of a library pioneer—
    Miss Addie C. Moses, librarian, Mobile Library.

Afternoon Session

On the Bay

13. The afternoon of the second day, Tuesday, Dec. 5, will be devoted to an excursion on Mobile bay. The trip will afford an excellent opportunity for all members to become fully acquainted, and to exchange ideas and views on library work and plans in an informal way.

Evening Session

14. Stereopticon lecture on Alabama—
    Dr. Thomas M. Owen, president of the Association, and director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery.

Third Day, Wednesday, December 6

Morning Session, 9:30 o'clock

15. The children's department of the public library—
    Mrs. Kate M. Jarvis, librarian, Carnegie Library, Selma.
16. The use of the library in school instruction—
    Dr. Edward F. Buchner, professor philosophy and education, University of Alabama.
17. Early American poetry—
    Mrs. F. H. Happer, librarian, Y. M. C. A., Mobile.
18. Library work in the public schools of Jefferson county.
    Prof. S. A. Ellis, Birmingham.

Afternoon Session

19. Books as factors in scientific agriculture—
    Prof. Douglas Allen, president, First District Agricultural School, Jackson.
20. How to interest laboring men in public libraries—
    George W. Jones, president, Central Trades Council, Mobile.
21. The library and men—
    Mr. A. C. Harte, secretary, Y. M. C. A., Mobile.
22. The traveling library work of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs—
    Mrs. C. T. Randall, chairman traveling library committee, A. F. W. C., Birmingham.
23. New and miscellaneous business.
24. Report of auditing committee.
25. Report of nominating committee, and election of officers.
26. Adjournment.

HISTORIC MOBILE

As is known, Mobile represents the oldest settlement on the Gulf. It has many points and places of historical interest, and these, members should endeavor to visit. Some are:

1. Site of Fort Louis (Charlotte.)

2. Site of Bienville's residence.

3. King's wharf, the first on the Gulf (under the pavement of lower Duncan place.)

4. Church of the Immaculate Conception (Catholic Cathedral.)

5. Spanish Government House. It gave the name to Government street and stood on the site of the Semmes' monument.

6. Site of the Great Explosion, 1865.

7. Semmes' Monument.

8. Spanish cannon from old Fort Charlotte, Duncan place and Bienville square.

9. Catholic Convent.

10. Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson's old home (opposite Convent.)

11. Gen. Braxton Bragg's grave and Soldier's Rest, in Magnolia Cemetery.

12. Admiral Semmes' and Father Ryan's graves in Catholic cemetery.

13. Shell road, on which is an old Colonial settlement, and also many picturesque scenes.

14. Barton Academy.

In the vicinity of the city are:

15. St. Joseph's College, Spring Hill.

16. Twenty-seven Mile Bluff, Alabama river, on which is a monument to mark the site of the original French Mobile.

17. Ellicott's Stone, at Clear Creek, on line 31 degrees, marking at one time the Southern boundary of the U. S.

18. African settlement, over Three Mile Creek, representing the last slave cargo to the U. S.

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CIRCULAR NO. 10

The Alabama Library Association

Headquarters: Montgomery

Announcements and Program for the Eighth Annual Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 21, 22 and 23, 1911

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eighth Annual Meeting

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Alabama Library Association will be held on the dates named, with sessions in the City of Tuscaloosa and at the State University. It is designed to bring together all librarians, library workers and friends of the library movement in the State, for discussion, conference and social intercourse.

The public is cordially invited to be present at all sessions.

Headquarters

The general headquarters will be at the McLester Hotel, Tuscaloosa. Visitors and others are asked to register.

For special information, as to hotels and boarding houses, etc., etc., address Miss Ora Ioneene Smith, Librarian, University of Alabama, University.

Invitation to Membership

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November 1, 1911.

THOMAS M. OWEN, *President.*

PROGRAM

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First Day, Tuesday November 21, 1911

Evening Session, 8:00 *o'clock.*

In the Circuit Court room, County Court house, Tuscaloosa.

1. Welcome—
   S. H. Sprott, Jr., Esq., President, City Commission, Tuscaloosa.
2. Response—
   Prof. P. W. Hodges, Secretary, State Board of Teachers' Examiners, Montgomery.
3. Annual address of President—
   Dr. Thomas M. Owen, Director, Alabama State Department of Archives and History, Montgomery.
4. The library movement in Tuscaloosa—
   Mrs. Ellen Peter-Bryce, Tuscaloosa.
5. The companionship of books—
   Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick, Librarian, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Mo.

Reception.

Second Day, Wednesday, November 22, 1911

General Session.

In Morgan Hall, at the University.

1. Welcome—
   Dr. W. B. Saffold, acting President, Universitv of Alabama.
2. Response—
   Prof. J. R. Rutland, Librarian, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.
3. The college library—
   Formal and informal discussions on different phases of college library work by the following librarians:
   a. The library committee—
      Miss Ora Ioneene Smith, Librarian, University of Alabama.
   b. The library and the faculty—
      Miss Frances Pickett, Librarian, Judson College, Marion.

c. Periodicals—
Miss Alice Wyman, Librarian, Alabama Girls' Technical Institute, Montevallo.

d. Binding problems—
Miss Dagmar Holmes, Assistant Librarian, Carnegie Library, Montgomery.

e. Magazine circulation—
Miss Lucile Virden, Assistant Librarian, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.

f. Public documents—
Discipline—
Card catalogue—
Library of Congress catalogue cards—
Unassigned topics for general discussion.

Evening Session, 8:00 *o'clock.*

In Morgan Hall.

Music. University Glee Club.

1. The college boy's hero in fiction—
Miss Lucile Virden, Assistant Librarian, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.

2. Address—
Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick, Librarian, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Mo.

Third Day, Thursday, November 23, 1911

General Session.

In the City of Tuscaloosa. (Place to be announced locally.)

1. The matter of the library apprentice—
Miss Lila May Chapman, Librarian, Public Library, Birmingham.

2. The library and the school—
Miss Sarah E. Luther, State Normal College, Troy.

3. Book symposium—
Names of books and librarians participating will be announced at the meeting.

4. Round table discussions—
The following topics will be offered for general discussion:
a. Library exchanges.
b. The community and reference work.
c. Why a shelf list?
d. Personal growth of the librarian.
e. Testing the library's influence.

5. New business.

6. Reports of officers.

7. Election of officers.